# Annual statistics

## Status of Global Christianity 2026

# Status of Global Christianity, 2025, in the Context of 1900–2050

| | 1900 | 1970 | 2000 | 2020 | Trend % p.a.* | 2025 | 2050 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GLOBAL POPULATION | | | | | | | |
| 1. Total population | 1,619,625,000 | 3,695,390,000 | 6,148,899,000 | 7,840,953,000 | 0.88 | 8,191,988,000 | 9,709,492,000 |
| 2. Adult population (over 15) | 1,073,646,000 | 2,302,129,000 | 4,290,579,000 | 5,827,214,000 | 1.46 | 6,264,023,000 | 7,699,095,000 |
| 3. Adults, % literate | 27.6 | 63.8 | 76.7 | 84.1 | 0.02 | 84.2 | 88.0 |
| 4. Urban population (%) | 14.4 | 36.5 | 46.7 | 56.1 | 1.06 | 59.1 | 68.0 |
| 5. Global urban population | 232,695,000 | 1,347,106,000 | 2,869,247,000 | 4,397,965,000 | 1.95 | 4,843,655,000 | 6,604,545,000 |
| 6. Cities over 1 million | 20 | 145 | 371 | 579 | 2.43 | 653 | 950 |
| 7. Under 50% Christian | 5 | 65 | 226 | 345 | 2.80 | 396 | 500 |
| GLOBAL RELIGION | | | | | | | |
| 8. Religious diversity | 2.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 | -0.04 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 9. Religionists | 1,616,370,000 | 2,986,913,000 | 5,365,962,000 | 6,942,770,000 | 0.97 | 7,285,421,000 | 8,842,489,000 |
| 10. Christians | 558,346,000 | 1,216,131,000 | 1,987,905,000 | 2,519,505,000 | 0.98 | 2,645,317,000 | 3,312,204,000 |
| 11. Muslims | 200,301,000 | 574,379,000 | 1,299,602,000 | 1,897,880,000 | 1.67 | 2,061,718,000 | 2,860,760,000 |
| 12. Hindus | 202,976,000 | 467,434,000 | 843,615,000 | 1,090,611,000 | 0.70 | 1,129,155,000 | 1,245,725,000 |
| 13. Buddhists | 126,946,000 | 233,383,000 | 448,423,000 | 531,050,000 | 0.27 | 538,173,000 | 533,434,000 |
| 14. Chinese folk-religionists | 379,974,000 | 238,188,000 | 420,817,000 | 453,250,000 | -0.22 | 448,283,000 | 392,978,000 |
| 15. Ethnoreligionists | 117,313,000 | 171,476,000 | 225,753,000 | 288,156,000 | 0.46 | 294,801,000 | 306,733,000 |
| 16. New Religionists | 5,986,000 | 39,557,000 | 63,579,000 | 67,463,000 | 0.07 | 67,690,000 | 65,329,000 |
| 17. Sikhs | 2,962,000 | 10,668,000 | 21,605,000 | 29,254,000 | 1.45 | 31,433,000 | 41,842,000 |
| 18. Jews | 11,725,000 | 13,959,000 | 12,948,000 | 14,800,000 | 0.74 | 15,357,000 | 17,942,000 |
| 19. Nonreligionists | 3,255,000 | 708,478,000 | 782,937,000 | 898,183,000 | 0.19 | 906,567,000 | 867,003,000 |
| 20. Agnostics | 3,028,000 | 543,321,000 | 645,052,000 | 751,227,000 | 0.26 | 761,092,000 | 733,956,000 |
| 21. Atheists | 226,000 | 165,156,000 | 137,885,000 | 146,957,000 | -0.20 | 145,475,000 | 133,047,000 |
| GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY BY TRADITION | | | | | | | |
| 22. Total Christians, % of world | 34.5 | 32.9 | 32.3 | 32.1 | 0.10 | 32.3 | 34.1 |
| 23. Affiliated Christians | 522,440,000 | 1,112,204,000 | 1,886,371,000 | 2,383,436,000 | 0.91 | 2,493,823,000 | 3,161,041,000 |
| 24. Catholics | 265,756,000 | 656,431,000 | 1,024,932,000 | 1,235,323,000 | 0.60 | 1,272,775,000 | 1,480,094,000 |
| 25. Protestants | 134,196,000 | 251,902,000 | 429,289,000 | 586,193,000 | 1.42 | 628,862,000 | 864,317,000 |
| 26. Independents | 8,859,000 | 89,480,000 | 284,420,000 | 384,757,000 | 1.25 | 409,425,000 | 610,002,000 |
| 27. Orthodox | 116,199,000 | 139,037,000 | 257,602,000 | 290,107,000 | 0.10 | 291,580,000 | 317,365,000 |
| 28. Unaffiliated Christians | 35,906,000 | 103,927,000 | 101,533,000 | 136,069,000 | 2.17 | 151,494,000 | 151,163,000 |
| 29. Evangelicals | 80,912,000 | 108,841,000 | 270,707,000 | 390,532,000 | 1.47 | 420,040,000 | 620,970,000 |
| 30. Pentecostals/Charismatics | 981,000 | 57,631,000 | 442,643,000 | 623,844,000 | 1.25 | 663,863,000 | 1,031,503,000 |
| CHURCH ORGANIZATION | | | | | | | |
| 31. Denominations/Rites | 2,000 | 13,100 | 31,000 | 44,700 | 2.27 | 50,000 | 64,000 |
| 32. Congregations | 400,000 | 1,330,000 | 3,000,000 | 4,180,000 | 1.03 | 4,400,000 | 5,500,000 |
| CHRISTIANS BY CONTINENT | | | | | | | |
| 33. Global North | 459,901,000 | 692,870,000 | 816,126,000 | 840,612,000 | -0.41 | 823,714,000 | 729,541,000 |
| 34. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions) | 380,647,000 | 490,507,000 | 562,062,000 | 566,985,000 | -0.54 | 551,934,000 | 473,649,000 |
| 35. Northern America (1 region) | 79,254,000 | 202,363,000 | 254,063,000 | 273,627,000 | -0.14 | 271,779,000 | 255,892,000 |
| 36. Global South | 98,445,000 | 523,261,000 | 1,171,779,000 | 1,678,893,000 | 1.65 | 1,821,603,000 | 2,582,663,000 |
| 37. Africa (5 regions) | 9,640,000 | 137,866,000 | 383,463,000 | 663,664,000 | 2.59 | 754,229,000 | 1,288,574,000 |
| 38. Asia (5 regions) | 21,966,000 | 97,390,000 | 281,094,000 | 385,052,000 | 1.60 | 416,786,000 | 581,869,000 |
| 39. Latin America (3 regions) | 62,002,000 | 269,960,000 | 482,856,000 | 600,589,000 | 0.64 | 620,116,000 | 678,906,000 |
| 40. Oceania (4 regions) | 4,837,000 | 18,045,000 | 24,366,000 | 29,589,000 | 0.59 | 30,472,000 | 33,314,000 |
| 41. Percent of all Christians in the Global South | 17.6 | 43.0 | 58.9 | 66.6 | 0.66 | 68.9 | 78.0 |
| 42. Middle East | 5,803,000 | 8,428,000 | 15,403,000 | 19,546,000 | 0.85 | 20,386,000 | 25,662,000 |
| 43. Christian percent of Middle East population | 12.7 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 | -0.48 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| CHRISTIAN MISSION | | | | | | | |
| 44. National workers (citizens) | 2,100,000 | 4,600,000 | 10,900,000 | 13,000,000 | 0.91 | 13,600,000 | 17,000,000 |
| 45. Foreign missionaries | 62,000 | 240,000 | 420,000 | 425,000 | 1.15 | 450,000 | 600,000 |
| 46. Christian martyrs per 10-years | 344,000 | 3,770,000 | 1,600,000 | 900,000 | 0.00 | 900,000 | 1,000,000 |
| 47. % of all Christians in Christian countries | 95.0 | 75.8 | 61.0 | 51.9 | -0.17 | 51.5 | 49.4 |
| 48. Non-Christians who know a Christian (%) | 5.3 | 13.4 | 17.4 | 18.28 | 0.30 | 18.6 | 20.0 |
| SCRIPTURES AND GOSPEL ACCESS | | | | | | | |
| 49. Languages with New Testament translations | 228 | 582 | 1,454 | 2,257 | 2.07 | 2,500 | 4,400 |
| 50. Population without gospel access | 879,998,000 | 1,655,125,000 | 1,849,747,000 | 2,167,025,000 | 0.42 | 2,213,003,000 | 2,772,731,000 |
| 51. No gospel access as % of world population | 54.3 | 44.8 | 30.1 | 27.6 | -0.45 | 27.0 | 28.6 |
| CHRISTIAN FINANCE (IN US$, PER YEAR) | | | | | | | |
| 52. Personal income of Christians | 270 billion | 4,100 billion | 18,000 billion | 56,470 billion | 5.56 | 74,000 billion | 178,000 billion |
| 53. Giving to Christian causes | 8 billion | 70 billion | 320 billion | 1,032 billion | 6.03 | 1,383 billion | 5,200 billion |
| 54. Ecclesiastical crime | 300,000 | 5,000,000 | 19 billion | 67 billion | 6.53 | 92 billion | 390 billion |

*Column % p.a. trend. Average annual rate of change, 2020–2025, as % per year.

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